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# The DAILY EASTERN NEWS

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## COUNTY | ELECTION 2008

# Komada wins nomination for state’s attorney

**Deters won’t challenge results, citing costs**

**By Michael Schwader**  
City Reporter

After weeks of contested results, the Republican Party primary for State’s Attorney is over.

Paul Komada won the nomination in a 35-19 victory decided last week when his opponent, Duane Deters, dropped out of the race.

During the morning of the Feb. 5 election, voters were accidentally given the incorrect ballot. In the Mattoon precinct 3-1, the first 60 voters were only given the federal election ballot.

Coles County Clerk Sue Rennels said the ballot problem happened in counties across the state.

“This was a very unfortunate incident and I have been assured by the Illinois State Board of Elections that this issue was wide spread across the state,” she said. “As ISBE explained to me, unfortunately, this is not an uncommon mishap.”

Deters decided not to challenge the results stating that the process would be too costly and would cost the state thousands of dollars to rectify the mistake.

“Considering all the factors present, I have decided that it is not fair to the taxpayers of this county to pay for this mistake, and I will not contest the election,” he said.

Although Deters has dropped out of the race, he is encouraging voters to support Paul Komada throughout the rest of the elections. He said he believes that Komada has the necessary experience to effectively run the office and successfully prosecute criminals.

“Well, I think that’s very kind of Duane, and that demonstrated he’s a very responsible person,” Komada said. “I’m sure that would tend to indicate that he’s probably got a future in politics and we’ll see him running again.”

Komada had served in office once before, 21 years ago, and believes that his previous time spent in office has helped him in winning the primary. Komada left the position to serve as Coles County Judge, leaving the job earlier than he wanted to.

“I had the opportunity to run for judge, and, as they say in politics, timing is everything, and I took advantage of the timing and ran for and was elected judge, and that’s why I left the job,” he said.

Komada decided to run for State’s Attorney because he doesn’t like the way the job has been handled since his time away from the office.

“I did a lot of talking to people prior to the primary election, and a very large amount of people said that they were not happy with the way the State’s Attorney’s Office had been run, and they felt there was a need for a change,” Komada said.

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## CAMPUS | EVENTS

# ‘Sex can wait: masturbate’



NORA MABERRY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Marshall Miller speaks during ‘The Female Orgasm’ held in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. Miller said he was there to give males a voice in the discussion.

**Audience of sexuality lecture shares stories of orgasms, sex ed.**

**By Emily Zulz**  
Activities Reporter

During lectures, speakers usually ask the audience to turn their phones on silent.

Marshall Miller and Dorian Solot asked their audience to turn their phones on vibrate.

Miller and Solot, both sex educators, gave their lecture “The Female Orgasm” Thursday night in the Martin Luther King, Jr. University Union Grand Ballroom.

The lecture was part of the University Board cultural arts series.

The predominately female audience chuckled in response to the couple’s joke.

Almost every chair was filled, and about 300-350 students were in attendance.

Solot and Miller started their lecture with a famous female orgasm movie scene.

The infamous scene from “When Harry Met Sally” was shown when Sally, played by Meg Ryan, fakes an orgasm in a restaurant.

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## UNIVERSITY | APPORTIONMENT BOARD

# Computer request approved

**New computers to be purchased for Student Life Office**

**By Mitch Surprenant**  
Staff Reporter

Levi Bulgar finally got his computers.

At the Apportionment Board meeting on Thursday night, the board approved \$13,000 toward the purchase of 12 computers for the Student Life Office.

The motion passed 6-0.

Bulgar had initially asked for more than \$17,000 for 16 new computers at the Feb. 7 AB meeting.

Board member Eric Wilber asked Bulgar about the need for new computers, how many they were requesting and why each of the computers needed to cost more than \$1,000.

Bulgar said he requested fewer computers because the Interfraternal Council, the Pan-Hellenic Council, the National Pan-Hellenic Council and the Black Student Union are not AB-funded organizations, and bylaws prevented the board from approving money for their computers.

Each of the computers that Student Life will receive will have a 160GB hard drive and a 256MB graphics card.

Bulgar said graphics-intensive Web sites and software were



FILE PHOTO | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Levi Bulgar, student executive vice president, speaks to members of the Residence Hall Association at the Sept. 21, 2007, meeting in Taylor Hall. Bulgar proposed a purchase of 12 computers for the Student Life Office, which AB approved Thursday.

the reason for his recommendation regarding the video cards. He wanted to point out that any software on the computers would be funded and provided by the school.

The computers will come with Windows XP pre-installed, but are Vista-compatible if the need to upgrade should arise, Bulgar said.

Purchasing Mac Minis for the office would cost more money, he said. Each Mac Mini costs \$579, but compatible monitors alone

would double the price of each computer, Bulgar said.

Both Wilber and board member Travis Bounds were absent from Thursday’s meeting.

AB member Ashley Nolan abstained from voting on the proposal because she had not been present for the Feb. 7 meeting, in which Wilbur had first objected to the amount of money requested.

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# AB hears budget proposals

**Minimum wage raise will affect Rec budget**

**By Rick Kambic**  
Student Government Reporter

Members heard budget proposals from Student Government and campus recreation at Thursday’s Apportionment Board meeting.

Co-Directors of Campus Recreation Kevin Linker and Sarah Daugherty made a request of \$227,700.

The request is \$18,300 more than last year’s approval of \$209,400.

The \$18,300 increase is more than all budget changes since fiscal year 2006 combined. The fiscal year 2006 budget was \$213,959.

“Just remember, 86 percent of this budget goes to student workers, and the other 14 percent goes toward the actual Rec Center that is used by students,” Linker said.

An additional \$10,000 is requested for increases in minimum wage for student workers. There are between 178 and 198 student workers employed at the Rec Center.

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## EIU WEATHER

## FRIDAY

43°|27°

Chance of Rain  
Showers  
W 10-15/20 mph

## SATURDAY

44°|32°

## SUNDAY

52°|39°

## WEATHER BRIEF

Expect a chance of rain showers throughout the day. Temperatures will begin to rise into the lower 50s by Sunday. Winter is not yet done, with a chance of snow Monday night.

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## ENTERTAINMENT | A DAILY LOOK

## Decision to promote MSNBC keeps Bush off NBC

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — NBC News said it was a desire to promote MSNBC as a news destination that led to its decision Thursday not to carry President Bush's news conference on NBC.

The call to keep Bush off the broadcast network was noteworthy not just because ABC and CBS pre-empted regularly scheduled programming to cover the president, but because NBC was airing another news division program at the time — the fourth hour of "Today."

"We're trying to make MSNBC the place to go for NBC News, and the strategy is working," said Phil Griffin, NBC News senior vice president.

TV networks will generally clear time for a presidential speech if requested by the White House. There's no hard-and-fast rule for news conferences.

In deciding to pre-empt entertainment programming, ABC noted that Bush hadn't had a televised meeting with reporters since Dec. 20.

"With all that's on the agenda, including the country's economic concerns, we were certain that live coverage was in the best interest of our viewers," said ABC News spokeswoman Cathie Levine.

## Olsen twins working on 'Influence' fashion books

NEW YORK — The Olsen twins are hoping to spread a little "Influence."

Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen are working on a coffee-table book about fashion, titled "Influence," that a division of Penguin Group (USA) will release in the fall.

According to a statement issued Wednesday by Penguin, the book will include "exclusive photographs of Ashley and Mary-Kate from world-renowned photographer Rankin, and a wide variety of other never-before-seen materials and interviews from Mary-Kate and Ashley's personal collections."

The 21-year-old actresses will be writing about photographers, artists and designers including Bob Colacello, Terry Richardson, Jack Pierson and Christian Louboutin.

"Mary-Kate and I have filled 'Influence' with the most interesting, challenging, creative people we know — the ones who helped pave the way for us and our generation," Ashley Olsen said.

"Ashley and I interviewed the people who have inspired us, with the hope that they will inspire and teach others," Mary-Kate Olsen said.

## Boy George pleads not guilty to false imprisonment

LONDON — Boy George has denied imprisoning a 28-year-old Norwegian man at his London home last year.

The former Culture Club singer pleaded not guilty to the charge of false imprisonment during a court hearing in London on Thursday.

Audun Carlsen claims Boy George handcuffed him to a wall after he went to the singer's apartment as a photo model. The alleged incident took place last April.

Boy George appeared in court under his real name, George O'Dowd. The 46-year-old singer is free on bail and is due to stand trial in November.

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## PHOTO OF THE DAY

## Searching for answers



BRYCE PEAKE | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Charleston City Works employees and Eastern's Building Service workers try to figure out problems with Eastern's sanitation system Thursday afternoon near Buzzard Hall. Check out [dennews.com](http://dennews.com) for a slideshow of this week's feature photos.

## WHAT THE... | WEIRD, UNEXPECTED, BIZARRE NEWS

## Feathers fly about language on billboard for chicken sandwich

The Associated Press

ALTOONA, Pa. — A convenience store chain's billboard advertising its fried chicken sandwich is ruffling the feathers of some residents.

Sheetz unveiled the "Crispy Frickin' Chicken" billboards at the beginning of February.

The campaign consists of 100 billboards placed at locations that carry the sandwich, spokeswoman Monica Jones said Thursday.

The campaign is aimed at young adults, and the company did not intend to offend anyone, Jones said.

"We're kind of known for edgy, kind of brash advertising tactics, and we knew this would spark a certain amount of controversy," Jones said. "That said, we're proud of the campaign."

Sheetz will take down the billboards on Wednesday, when the campaign is scheduled to end, Jones said.

The company recently removed one billboard in Hazle Township, near Hazleton, after local officials fielded complaints.

"There was a lady who left an angry voice mail," code enforcement officer Fran Calarco said. "And a man called and said he had small children and didn't think they should be exposed to that type of language. I told him I completely understood and agreed."

## EXTENDED COVERAGE AT WWW.DENNEWS.COM

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• **News Roundup** - Dennews.com features WEIU's John Twork with a weekly roundup of the events and news of the past week in the area.

## Dude, Leap Happens!!

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ON CAMPUS

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Budweiser Commemorative Prizes

SATURDAY

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## Events



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Friday, Feb 29

11:00a-2:00p

Union Food Court

**Rush Hour:**

*Let's Leap Together*

**Food, Games, and FUN!**



COMEDIAN

**Jordan Carlos**

9:00p

Friday, February 29  
7th Street Underground

## WHY DID I GET MARRIED

Fri, Feb 29 - 7:00p  
2030 Lumpkin

Sat, Mar 1 - 8:00p  
Buzzard Auditorium





CAMPUS | MEETING

# Six new students elected to RHA

Thursday night's elections bring new life to Residence Hall Association

By Heather Holm  
RHA Reporter

Zach Diron wants to make finals exam kits "freaking awesome."

He also wants to keep the Residence Hall Association balance up to date, and said so in his campaign speech for RHA treasurer Thursday night.

Diron was one of six newly elected students to RHA positions for next year. The elections were held in the basement of Andrews Hall.

In addition to Diron's win, Justin Schuch was elected president and Michael Andrews won for vice president.

Alison Burge won for national communications coordinator/Illinois communications coordinator.

Steve Joeegen won for secretary, and Ashley Hoogstraten was re-elected for programming and diversity coordinator.

"The process to getting into office was just being nominated by someone in RHA and accepting it," Joeegen said. "Then, that person makes a bid with previous experiences and



BRYCE PEAKE | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Justin Schuch addresses RHA about his presidential campaign via iMovie Thursday evening in Andrews Hall. Schuch was attending a conference in Wisconsin along with other RHA members and was not present.

goals for the next year. At elections, they prepare and give their speech."

As newly elected secretary, Joeegen said he wants to work to increase attendance at both retreats and at general RHA meetings.

Schuch did not actually show up to present his speech. He recorded it, and one of the current executive board members played it on a computer.

"I don't know whose computer

I am in right now, but I would like thank them for making this possible," Schuch said in his recorded speech.

Schuch said in his bid that he wants to get more residents excited and involved in RHA and that he is dedicated to making resident hall life the best.

He could not make it to the elections because he was at a conference at the University of Wisconsin. He

answered questions through speakerphone.

"I think it was pretty unique and it turned out pretty well," said Jarrod Scherle, current RHA president. "We thought it wouldn't go over well and that a lot of people would not be able to hear him, but it went great."

Scherle said he did not remember the last time an RHA member was re-elected but that it probably has occurred at some point in the past.

"It is definitely not common but more power to her," Scherle said of Hoogstraten. "It is a pro that she has executive experience and this will benefit the people coming into office. They will have someone to go to when they have questions."

Nominations took place last week.

Scherle said he thought the members of RHA adjusted fine to the different set-up of the meeting and respected each speaker when they were talking.

"I think (the elections) went very well," Scherle said. "The RHA voters seemed to understand the process and did a good job with the voting process. I also think we have a very strong executive board for the upcoming year."

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## CAMPUS BRIEFS

### Rings of Saturn on display at observatory

Saturn's rings will be on display this weekend.

Eastern's physics observatory open its doors at 8 p.m. Friday for students to view the rings.

Even if it is cloudy, the observatory will be open for tours.

The facility houses a state-of-the-art, computer-controlled, 16-inch Schmidt-Cassegrain telescope.

A dome can open and rotate to provide views of all parts of the sky.

The building is located in the southwestern corner of campus, between O'Brien Stadium and the intramural softball fields.

Parking is available in the lot north of Wesley United Methodist Church.

Contact the physics department at 581-3220 for more information.

### 'Colbert Report' comedian coming

Jordan Carlos, best known for his role as Alan Colbert's "black friend" on "The Colbert Report," will be performing tonight at 9 p.m. in 7th St. Underground.

Carlos has also co-hosted the Nickelodeon show "MeTV" and appeared on Comedy Central.

### 'Rubber Lover' packages available for students

The Health Education Resource Center is offering Eastern students free packages containing condoms, dental dams, finger cots and lubricant.

The packets are offered once a month. Students who pick up the packages will be asked to fill out an anonymous survey dealing with their sexual behavior.

Call the HERC at 581-7786 for more information.

—Compiled by News Editor Nora Maberry

CAMPUS | FACULTY

# A troubling trend among universities

Tenure rates are declining nationally; Eastern remains above average

By Stephen Di Benedetto  
Associate News Editor

Eastern is above the norm in tenure and tenure-track faculty rates, and Blair Lord is happy to say it.

"Eastern has generally been well outside the national norm in terms of both the proportion of our classes taught by tenure, tenure-track people and the proportion of our classes taught by full-time folks," said Lord, provost and vice president for academic affairs.

Tenure and tenure-track faculty members teach around 70 percent of Eastern classes.

Annually-contracted faculty members, who work full-time, increase that number well into the 90th percentile, Lord said.

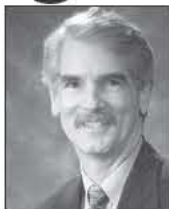
But large retirement pools during the next five years and stagnate state appropriations could make it harder for Eastern to maintain such a high tenure-track rate.

"Financial pressures are always a challenge," Lord said. "We are doing what we can to avoid succumbing to these financial challenges."

Nationally, tenure-track faculty rates have been declining and have declined since the 1970s, said John Curtis, director of research and public policy at the American Association of University Professors.

AAUP released the "Contingent Faculty Index" in 2006, which compiled data about the number of tenure, tenure-track, full-time, part-time and full-time non-tenure-track faculty members employed at 2,617 American colleges and universities.

AAUP took 2005 national data



Blair Lord, provost and vice president for academic affairs.

BLAIR LORD | PROVOST

"We are doing what we can to avoid succumbing to these financial challenges."

from the U.S. Department of Education, which Curtis

helped compile.

"What we wanted to do was really bring (the data) out to local campus levels," Curtis said. "So, faculty, administrators and students would have a chance to see what the specific situation was on their particular campus."

AAUP found that in 1975, full-time tenure faculty comprised 36.5 percent of campuses nationwide, compared to the 30.2 percent of part-time faculty.

In 2005, full-time tenure faculty employed at campuses nationwide dropped to 21.8 percent, while part-time faculty increased to 48 percent.

Curtis said administrations say cost and flexibility are why they are not hiring as many tenure-track faculty members.

He said part-time faculty members are less expensive for an institution because salaries and benefits are less compared to tenure-track and full-time non-tenure-track faculty.

Institutions' argument about flexibility is enrollment, courses and that the number of sections for a course change often, he added.

"I don't think that is necessarily accurate because ... it seems a lot of the non-tenure track faculty are teaching basic introductory courses, and the demand for those are usually pretty strong," Curtis said. "It doesn't seem that the number of fac-

ulty needed to teach those classes is really going to fluctuate a great deal from one year to the next."

The decline in tenure and tenure-track faculty from 1975 to 2005 is not an uncommon trend for Eastern either.

Lord said Eastern's tenure and tenure-track faculty rates were not as high as they were a decade ago, largely because of increasing financial pressures.

"By and large, when you come under financial pressures, you start to substitute for non-continually, non-tenure track faculty," Lord said. "That is unfortunate, but finances are what they are."

The decline in state funding for higher education has contributed to that pressure, he added. The increasing costs in social programs like health care and welfare have compressed states financially, and therefore compressed higher education financially, Lord said.

State governments view higher education as having the ability to offset its financial pressures because it receives revenues from students, he said.

"It isn't maliciousness," Lord said. "It is just pressure from all these different places that have prevented them from supporting higher education."

Curtis said some institutions have spiked in hiring tenure and tenure-track faculty members. But with the U.S. economy teetering on a recession, colleges and universities could

have to deal with a new set of problems in the next couple of years, he added.

"We've really had a tight situation in general for funding for colleges and universities for several years now," Curtis said. "Given that the economy seems to be slowing, it often is the case that funding for colleges and universities lags a little bit behind."

As for Eastern's looming large retirement pools, Lord said he has seen 25 to 30 faculty members leave Eastern each year for a few years now, and that is expected to increase during the next five years. Eastern has annually hired 20 to 30 tenure-track faculty members for the past few years, he said.

"If we have a large number of retirements coming, we'll have to be doing a fair amount of recruiting," Lord said.

The tenure rate could jump from year-to-year if Eastern does not hire successfully, but as retirements start to rise so should the number of faculty being hired, he said.

"We are going to do all we can to maintain the niche that Eastern has in providing most of our instructions in tenure, tenure-track, full-time faculty members," Lord said. "If we don't get much help from the state, we'll try other things to keep it."

Curtis said AAUP has been arguing that decline in tenure-track faculty is a matter of priorities.

He said making the investment in higher education will pay off in more educated citizens able to do required jobs in an educated economy.

"It's not a new thing," Curtis said of the trend. "But it's reaching the point where there is serious cause for concern."

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## CLARIFICATION

In Wednesday's editorial on Page 4, *The Daily Eastern News* said the University Board had booked Bill Nye.

UB never officially signed a contract with Nye to come to Eastern.

UB first proposed Nye's visit to Eastern in November.

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## 'PULL 'EM UP' PROSPECTS

Texas Wesleyan U. — That's right, everybody. The campaign that initiated in Dallas last year that calls for your pants to rise above the Mason Dixon line has now launched its efforts in Fort Worth. A resolution was passed to send a message to those who wear baggy pants.

DFW and its neighboring suburbs have drawn a special interest to the issue. You might have run into hip-hop-government.org's billboard stating, "Grandma says: Pull 'em up!"

Dallas City Councilman Dwaine Caraway, who started the movement last year, agrees that sagging "is a disrespect, number one, to themselves and then it's a disrespect for all females."

The drive initially began as a public education program against citizens wearing baggy pants. It has since gained popularity with organizations striving to improve the public image of the trendy hip-hop community.

The Fort Worth City Council recently elected to contribute, and a resolution for supporting the campaign was voted on late in January.

According to a portion of the resolution, "the city gladly joins" this movement.

Is this really necessary? Is the community and its citizens worrying about too many trivial matters and pouring its labors into futile efforts? Some might agree on that notion, saying that the 'sag' is just a trend, like any other.

On the other hand, trends like these lead to misinterpretation and eventually stereotypical beliefs. Many advocates of Pull 'em Up focus on the fact that sagging could eventually hurt an individual's chances of employment.

In the technological world we live in, where people are fascinated with displaying their life on public networks, perception becomes reality. If you want to wear your pants one way, people will judge you accordingly.

The stereotypes might be unjust, especially for the ones who think they're merely making a fashion statement, but it's an unavoidable fact that they have to live with, and it might make them face harsh consequences.

Martin Garcia  
The Rambler

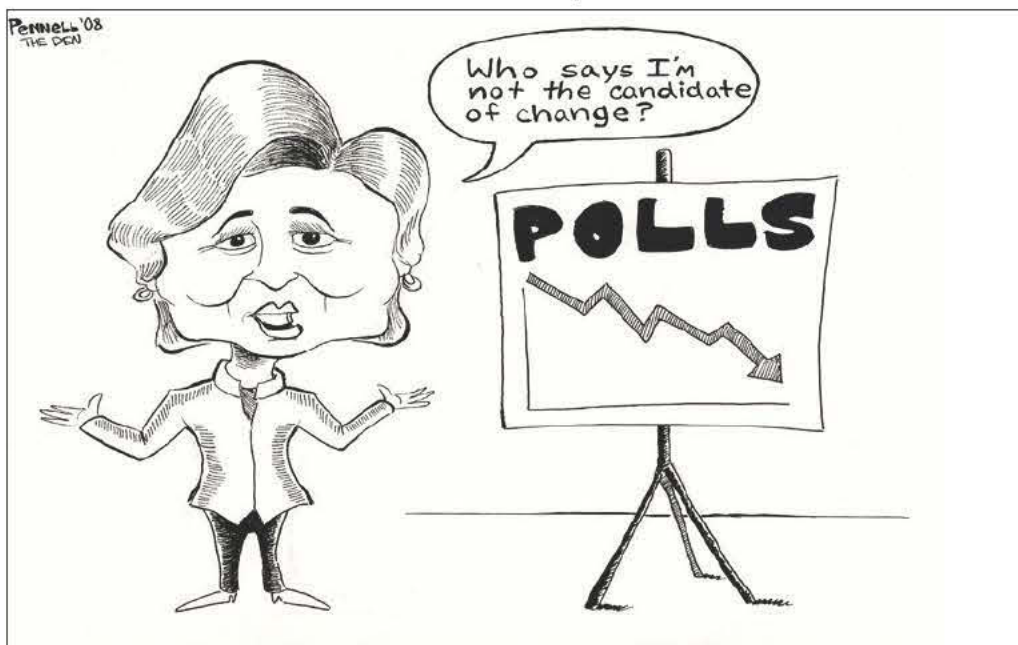
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## Drawn from the news | David Pennell



## STAFF EDITORIAL

## Governor snubs higher education once again

Gov. Rod Blagojevich says in the introduction of his state budget that, "The budget I am putting forth is designated to spur economic growth by investing in our children, from pre-kindergarten through higher education."

Yet, higher education received no increase in funding from last year from the state. Zero. Zilch. Nil. Nada.

We have to function with the same amount of state-apportioned money as we were given last year, and nearly the year before.

And as a result, our state schools have to increase tuition once again, making a college education a little less affordable and a little more inconvenient — even at the most affordable state schools, like Eastern.

In fiscal year 2008, state funding for higher education increased 1.9 percent from the year before. Eastern President Bill Perry, however, was hoping for at least a 5.6 or 6.7 percent increase for fiscal year 2009.

The 1.9 percent increase adds up to about \$49 million, but compared to Eastern's recommended increase, it's only small potatoes.

Perry idealistically wanted to see a 6.7 percent increase so the tuition wouldn't have to budge so much.

The bulk of education funding in the state budget went toward preschool through twelfth-grade education, which got a whopping \$560 million increase, leaving higher education in the same dust as last year, and the year before.

If Eastern did receive the 6.7 percent increase Perry was hoping for, we would have received \$1.44 billion.

Sifting through the 494-page budget, it's clear that Blagojevich is not doing his part by "investing in our children, from pre-kindergarten through higher education."

Almost every single state school that relies on the almighty state funds saw no increase in what the state plans to apportion for fiscal year 2009.

In fact, some even saw a cut in funding.

Luckily for Eastern, our appropriations are the exact same as they were last year. Still, it's a dismal zero percent increase from last year, too.

Back in 2007, Eastern received \$48.2 million from the state.

In 2008, the funding was upped to \$49.1 million, and stays the exact same for fiscal year 2009.

Not a dollar more, not a dollar less.

Rewind to five years ago, when Eastern enjoyed the hey-days of receiving dollars in the \$51.9 million-zone from the state.

Since 2003, the state has not given Eastern more than \$50 million.

That means Eastern has been playing catch-up for five years, struggling with raising tuition fees while trying to maintain its reputation as an

## OUR VIEW

• **Situation:** Gov. Rod Blagojevich released the state budget.

• **Stance:** Eastern was hoping to receive a 6.7 percent increase from last year, but received no increase in state funding from last year at all. As a result, Eastern's tuition needs to be raised.

affordable state school.

The only Illinois institutions that received more funding this year than last year was the Illinois Mathematics and Sciences Academy, the Illinois Community College Board and the State Universities Retirement System.

Way to look out for state universities that rely on state funding, Blagojevich.

Eastern gets a zero percent increase, along with almost every other state school in Illinois.

Overall, elementary and secondary education received an apportionment of \$11 billion.

The overall apportionment higher education gets from the state in 2009 is only \$3 billion.

As for our capital funding, though, Blagojevich came through.

Perry was hoping to see at least \$30 million from capital funding so Eastern could build a new steam plant, replacing the

old coal-fueled plant it has had since 1928.

The capital bill threw \$38 million our way. Maybe we can finally start building a plant that will use energy much more efficiently than back in the 1920s.

Alas, higher education continues to be put on the budget backburner, and somewhat understandably so.

The governor needs to keep a whole bunch of other state functions in mind when making the budget.

Higher education is nowhere near the only organization scraping for more money.

He has to consider health care services, improving roads and bridges and implementing senior services, as well.

But higher education has been on the backburner for a long, long time, and the affordability of our state universities is threatened a little more every year the state snubs our appropriation.

It's been five years now since Eastern has gotten an increase in state funding.

We can only hope that next year, the governor will take our plight into consideration.

Then again, we've been hoping for this for a long time, too.

## EDITORIAL POLICY

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RICK KAMBIC

## Is World War IV here?

War is one of many campaign promises that Republicans and Democrats have vastly different views on, but promises that neither will likely keep. But will our presidential candidates comment on the possibility that we are fighting a third or fourth world war?

Prominent columnists across the country have labeled the Cold War as a possible third world war. The constant U.S. financial support of Israel, the "wars" in Iraq and Afghanistan, and the global war on terrorism are the grounds for an assumption that we are in a fourth world war.

But most students and loyal taxpayers do not see this perspective because these military conflicts do not relate to us. American soil is not under attack, and our only means of complaining pertains to the loss of American soldiers.

As college students, we are in training to become the next leaders of this great country. To do so, we must start asking questions about the world we know nothing about. We often assume that what we do not know cannot hurt us, but 9/11 hurt pretty bad. It is obvious that people hate us, but why?

Jihad is the common explanation for why Islamic militants attack America. During World War II, militant groups within France attacked occupying Nazi military units. American forces do occupy the streets of Iraq, but the U.S. government never uses the word "occupation."

By the way, the U.S. government also failed to reveal those "weapons of mass destruction." So why did we attack Iraq?

The Pentagon Papers from 1971 revealed the U.S. financing of French military efforts and radical Vietnamese organizations. The "preservation of democracy" was why we entered Vietnam.

The Vietnam conflict was a much more brutal continuation of America's war against communism that began in Korea in 1950. Now, wait a minute, and decide if that sounds familiar. Global war on terrorism. Global war on communism.

Have we changed at all in 50 years? Yes. We built a corporate empire that exports the manufacturing of goods to cheap labor in other countries.

We also often forget how many soldiers are deployed in Columbia and Central America to fight the "evil" dictators who help drug lords.

I come across brief Associated Press articles every so often that report on loss of life in those designated drug-infested countries. The media coverage of those military conflicts is poor and disgraceful.

During a two-week span, I searched numerous government agency Web sites and could not find an exact number of soldiers deployed in Central and South America. Nor could I find out how many soldiers are deployed in Africa.

More than 100 American soldiers were ambushed in Somalia by revolutionists in 1993.

If we have soldiers in Central America, South America, Africa, and the Middle East, then we really are engaged in a world war. But we do not have a common enemy.

Is it possible that America may be the oppressor in this world war?

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LOCAL | ECONOMY

# MILK MONEY

Don't have a cow – milk prices may drop in the future. In the meantime, the dairy dollar remains steady.

By Matt Hopf  
City Editor

For students who begin their mornings with a glass of milk for breakfast, finding a gallon for under \$3 can be a difficult task.

But dairy devotees need not cry about their milk bills.

Finding a cheap gallon of milk can be difficult for college students in town, but a gallon of milk can still be found for under \$3.

As of Thursday, three stores in town are offering a gallon of 2 percent milk for \$2.89.

Save-A-Lot, at 1400 Lincoln Ave.; CVS Pharmacy, at 566 W. Lincoln Ave; and Wal-Mart, at 2250 Lincoln Ave all offer a gallon of milk for \$2.89.

Wal-Mart's milk is on sale until Saturday. The regular price was \$3.85 for a gallon. Walgreens, at 1430 E St., offers milk for \$2.99.

Next door to Walgreens, Country Market sold 2 percent milk for \$3.89 a gallon.

Casey's General Store, at 1900 18th St., priced milk at \$3.79.

Milk may also be purchased on campus.

At the Marketplace Convenience Store in Thomas Hall, half-gallons of milk can be purchased for \$2.25.

In 2006, the U.S. Department of



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With the rise in milk prices, cereal is becoming an expensive endeavor for college students and community members alike.

Agriculture reported milk prices on a gallon of 2 percent milk as under \$3 in most markets.

In 2007, prices rose to more than \$3 a gallon. So far, in 2008, prices have remained at that level.

The USDA determines average prices by surveying one outlet of the largest and second largest grocery stores in the area, as well as the largest convenience store chain.

Chris Galen, senior vice president

of communications for the National Milk Producers Federation, said prices fluctuate because of simple supply and demand changes.

An increase in feed for cows and fuel costs caused production of milk

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#### AVERAGE PRICES OF 2-PERCENT GALLON OF MILK

LOCATION	2006	2007	2008
Chicago	\$3.36	\$3.55	\$3.72
Indianapolis	\$2.89	\$3.08	\$3.29
St. Louis	\$2.73	\$3.34	\$3.67

to go up, he said.

Demand remained high and remained high abroad, with milk being shipped out of the country.

But there is possible relief in the future.

"There will be a noticeable drop in farm prices in March," Galen said.

Farm prices are the price farmers are paid for milk.

Galen said the price should drop about 25 cents per gallon.

In the last six months, production has increased by 3 percent, he added.

Customers may see a reduction in prices at the stores.

"It's up to the retailers to drop them," Galen said.

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LOCAL | TRAVEL

## A road well-traveled: Faculty commute from Champaign

Professors make the trip easier with audio tapes, carpooling

By Sara Cuadrado  
Campus Reporter

Karla Kennedy-Hagan values the time she has to herself during her commute to and from Champaign.

Kennedy-Hagan, an assistant professor of family and consumer sciences and dietetic internship coordinator, is one of the many Eastern staff and faculty members who makes the 50-minute commute from Cham-

paign.

To cut the costs of a regular commute, some professors make plans to carpool.

Kennedy-Hagan said she carpools with about 10 professors at different times so they can work around each other's schedules.

She said the commute is a time to wind down on her way home from work before returning to her role as a full-time mother and wife.

Kennedy-Hagan said the ride goes by faster with company.

"It's like a group of girlfriends, and we chit-chat on the way," Kennedy-Hagan said.

She said the commute is time-consuming, but it is not time wasted.

The professors in her carpool talk about different issues on the way or have different things to work on in the car, Kennedy-Hagan said.

Fern Kory, an English professor, said she likes to have a "commuting buddy."

She said she and her buddy, Linda Coleman, take turns driving.

Kory said she enjoys talking with Coleman on the commute or listening to books on tape if she's driving alone.

She describes the trip as the "easi-

est commute in the country" because she said it takes an hour from her kitchen to her office at any time on any day.

She said when she's at school, she tries to get everything done that she needs to so she won't have to make another trip.

"It's not as big of a deal as I thought it would be," Kory said.

But why do professors choose to live in Champaign?

For Kennedy-Hagan, she and her husband moved there before she started teaching at Eastern.

They stayed because her husband works at the University of Illinois at

Urbana-Champaign, and her kids were already settled there.

Kory also said she moved up there for her family.

She said her family originally moved to Champaign because one of her children was accepted to a school there, and she decided she should commute instead of her child.

Kennedy-Hagan said the commute is a fairly easy one.

"If you live in Chicago, it could take an hour to go three miles," Kennedy-Hagan said.

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## » Female

FROM PAGE 1

Solot said the subject is not only fun, but also healthy to discuss and to know about your body.

For Solot, she said the health benefits are not theoretical. She described how, when she was 26, she found a lump in her breast.

She did not find the lump from a mammogram or from a monthly self-examination. It was because she was comfortable with her body.

Solot demonstrated to the audience how she found the lump.

She was lying in bed one night when she yawned, stretched and drew her hand over her body.

"It's not bad, dirty or shameful to touch your body," Solot said.

When she found out she had cancer, Solot said she was flabbergasted. After going through surgery and chemotherapy, Solot is now in her eighth year of remission.

Miller and Solot were able to address both men's and women's points of view.

Halfway into their presentation, the audience was separated.

The men went across the hall to

the 1895 Room with Miller, while all the women stayed in the Grand Ballroom with Solot.

Solot wanted to hear from the women in the room. She asked them what they heard about masturbation while growing up.

One woman said an aunt had told her "Sex can wait: masturbate."

Solot also brainstormed things that help women have an orgasm. Foreplay, love, fantasies and patience were all mentioned.

Then the crowd of females was given the chance to share their first orgasm stories. Some told of how they were young, while others were in college.

The two groups came back together 20 minutes later to discuss what each had talked about.

Miller said how the men discussed where they first learned about female anatomy and sex.

Many said they were in sex education class and all they learned about were the fallopian tubes. Miller then demonstrated with his hands what the diagram looked like.

Miller and Solot also discussed, in detail, the clitoris, vibrators, the G-spot and the arousal cycle.

The couple offered suggestions,

explanations and showed diagrams.

Beth Deien, a junior accounting major, said the lecture was informative.

"This stuff never gets talked about from anyone," Deien said.

Deien said because Miller and Solot were at ease talking about female orgasms, everyone else felt comfortable with the material.

Sydney Stanhope, a junior business management major and UB cultural arts coordinator, thought the lecture was "absolutely fantastic" because it proved to be informative for students.

Solot loved the enthusiasm from Eastern students. She said the lecture is more fun when the audience seems to be enjoying themselves.

Solot said in high school, when sex is discussed, it is information that is already known. This is why learning about sexual pleasure is new to many.

"I feel like this topic of sexual pleasure is so central to sexuality," Solot said, adding that most discussions of sexuality don't focus on sexual pleasure.

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Dorian Solot speaks during "The Female Orgasm" lecture held in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. Solot and her partner Marshall Miller broke the audience into two groups based upon their gender to talk about people's first orgasms.

## » AB

FROM PAGE 1

"We're feeling the full impact of minimum wage, but yet another increase is coming on July 1," Linker said.

The new minimum wage will be \$8 per hour. Vendor fee increases will account for \$2,500 of the proposed increase and the remaining \$2,800 would buy two new tread-

mills and two new steppers.

The Student Government requested \$53,452 for fiscal year 2009 after receiving \$45,163 this year.

Student Body President Cole Rogers and Student Senate Speaker Megan Ogulnick presented the request. Rogers said as of Thursday, approximately \$9,000 still remains in the Student Government account.

The largest increase to the budget

would be approximately \$4,600 in tuition waivers for executive board members.

Over \$25,000 would be used for the student body president and four vice presidents.

A \$1,000 increase would pay a marking director and approximately \$2,500 would fund four student teacher interaction events.

The budget proposals will be voted on in April.

At the start of the meeting, there

was not a quorum.

Member Drew McClarity and faculty representative Karen Gaines were called to the meeting to attain a quorum.

AB chairwoman Leah Pietraszewski received e-mails from McClarity and Patrick Lindstrom about 5:30 pm notifying her of the absences.

Gaines, who arrived at 7:24, left the meeting directly after the Student Government computer pro-

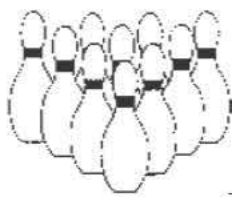
posal passed 6-0 with one abstention.

"She really wants to quit AB, but she doesn't want to leave until a replacement can be found and the Faculty Senate has not found one yet," Pietraszewski said. "She has other obligations at night and a family at home that she understandably wants to spend time with."

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## STATE BRIEFS

### Explosion rocks suburban Chicago mall

WAUKEGAN — An explosion ripped through a shopping plaza Thursday in this Chicago suburb, sending five people to a hospital, but none with life-threatening injuries, fire officials said.

The explosion struck around lunchtime in the business district, located about 40 miles north of Chicago.

Deputy Fire Chief Dan Young said authorities believe the incident was caused by a gas explosion and that some shop owners in the area had smelled gas for the last couple of days.

### University of Illinois students want Chief back

CHAMPAIGN — University of Illinois mascot Chief Illiniwek was sent into retirement a year ago, but the school's students don't appear ready to let go.

A majority of students voted yes in a campus election Thursday when asked if they believe the chief should come back. Student Senate spokesman David Mangian says more than 7,700 students voted to bring back the mascot, 79 percent of all votes cast.

### Farrakhan urges Obama fans to not abandon him

CHICAGO — Nation of Islam Minister Louis Farrakhan said Thursday supporters of Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama shouldn't be dissuaded by the senator's denunciation of Farrakhan.

His statement comes after Obama was asked during Tuesday's televised debate with Democratic presidential rival Hillary Rodham Clinton about Farrakhan's support for the Obama campaign. Obama said he denounces Farrakhan's past anti-Semitic remarks and rejects his support.

## NATION | 2008 ELECTION

# Clinton raises \$35 million in February; Obama expects more

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In a remarkable financial recovery, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton raised \$35 million in February, even as Democratic rival Barack Obama was outspending her in key March 4 battlegrounds.

His financial superiority has been evident in the primary states of Texas and Ohio, which vote Tuesday and where he has purchased \$7.5 million in advertising to her \$4.6 million, targeting early voters, young voters and voters in regions with concentrations of delegates.

Clinton's fundraising more than doubled her January fundraising, when she collected \$14 million to Obama's \$36 million. Clinton has lost 11 straight contests since Super Tuesday on Feb. 5, and her ability to raise money was all the more notable coming in the midst of defeat.

But Obama has been raising money at an even greater rate and spend-



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Hillary Clinton's fundraising doubled this month compared to January.

ing it, too. Some estimates place his February fundraising at more than \$50 million — about half of what he raised in all of 2007.

## NATION | COLLEGES

# Most students don't embrace cell phone cell alerts despite shootings

The Associated Press

COLUMBIA, Mo. — The massacre at Virginia Tech last year sent colleges nationwide scrambling to improve how they get alerts to students during crises on campus. One solution: Text messages sent to cell phones.

But while hundreds of campuses have adopted text alerts, most students are not embracing the system — even in an age when they consider their mobile phones indispensable.

Omnilert, a Northern Virginia

company that provides an emergency alert system called e2Campus to more than 500 campuses, reports an average enrollment rate among students, faculty and staff of just 39 percent.

Another industry leader, Blackboard Connect, reports even lower participation — 28 percent for the 300 campuses that use its Connect-Ed emergency alerts.

Across the country, colleges "are really struggling with how to get the enrollment numbers up," said Steven Healey, Princeton University's pub-

lic safety director and an expert on campus security.

Other companies who provide the services declined to release detailed enrollment figures to *The Associated Press*.

The University of Missouri's Columbia campus tried a giveaway — students who signed up for the alerts were entered in a drawing for an iPod Nano.

But just 15 percent of the roughly 28,000 students have requested text message alerts or cell-phone calls during emergencies.

## WORLD BRIEFS

### Cuba accuses U.S. of harming citizens' rights

UNITED NATIONS — Cuba's government signed two key international human rights treaties Thursday that Fidel Castro long opposed, but said it had reservations about some provisions and accused the United States of impeding the Cuban people's enjoyment of their rights.

Fidel Castro was still president when Cuba announced Dec. 10 that it would sign the accords on civil, political and economic rights.

Whether the signing by Foreign Minister Felipe Perez Roque marks a turning point for human rights for Cuba remains to be seen.

### Defense secretary Gates sends message to Turkey

ANKARA, Turkey — Defense Secretary Robert Gates said he told Turkish leaders Thursday that they should end an offensive against Kurdish rebels in northern Iraq as soon as possible. Yet even as Gates made his appeal, the Turkish military pressed ahead.

Gates told reporters after his talks with Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan and other Turkish leaders that he made no threats to pull U.S. intelligence support.

### Britain's Prince Harry serving in Afghanistan

LONDON — Prince Harry of Great Britain has been serving on the front line with his British army unit in Afghanistan.

Harry is the first royal to serve in a combat zone since his uncle Prince Andrew flew helicopters during Britain's war with Argentina over the Falkland Islands in 1982. British officials had hoped to keep the 23-year-old's deployment secret until he had safely returned, but they released video of Harry serving in Helmand Province after a leak appeared on the U.S. Web site the Drudge Report.

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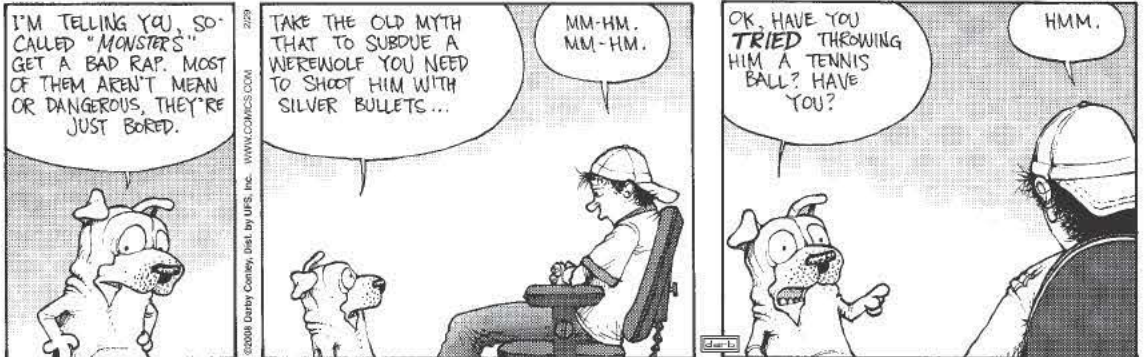
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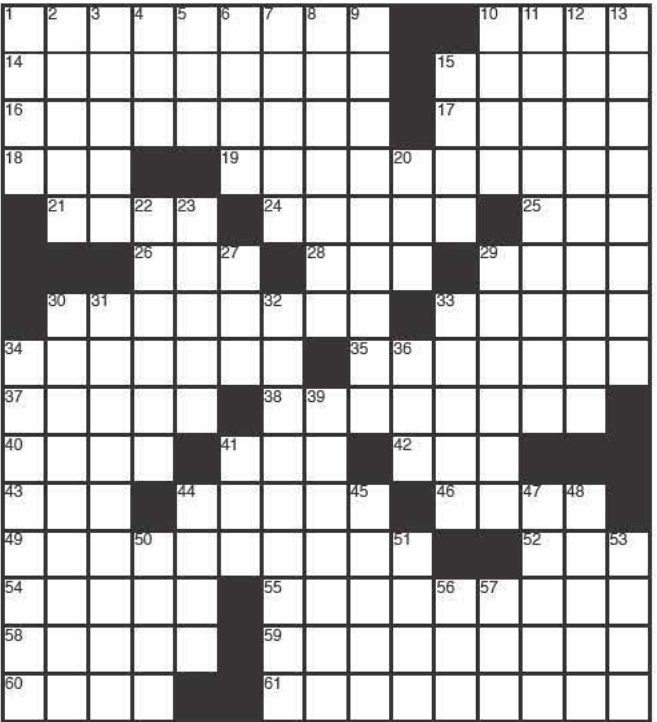


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- 1 Drawing power
  - 10 Soigné
  - 14 Suddenly
  - 15 Stereo receiver button
  - 16 Steely Dan hit of 1972
  - 17 Villain in the Book of Esther
  - 18 T formation participant
  - 19 Cunning
  - 21 \_\_\_ clue
  - 24 Georgia \_\_\_ of "The Mary Tyler Moore Show"
  - 25 Perishable fashion accessory
  - 26 Certain sale item: Abbr.
  - 28 Six-time All-Star third baseman of the 1970s Dodgers
  - 29 Ancient fragrance
  - 30 Molière comedy
  - 33 Canadian equivalent of the Oscar
  - 34 Filled treat
  - 35 Properly filed
  - 37 "Cooking With Astrology" author
  - 38 "Moon Over Parador" star, 1988
  - 40 "Buona \_\_\_"
- DOWN
- 41 You wouldn't sit for a spell in this
  - 42 No-goodnik
  - 43 Suffix with Darwin
  - 44 "Divine" showbiz nickname
  - 46 Motivational cries
  - 49 Classic mystical book by Khalil Gibran
  - 52 Brood : chicken :: parliament : \_\_\_
  - 54 Asian title
  - 55 Gulf of Taranto's locale
  - 58 Echo, e.g., in Greek myth
  - 59 Guided missile sections
  - 60 \_\_\_ Atomic Dustbin (English rock band)
  - 61 Have as an appetizer



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- 8 Journal with an annual "Breakthrough of the Year" award
- 9 Where the wild things are?
- 10 Detective in "The Shanghai Cobra"
- 11 Pilgrims leave them
- 12 Not randomly arranged
- 13 Weigh
- 15 "The Amazing Race" host Keoghan
- 20 Thing on a ring
- 22 Earth, en español
- 23 Hard-to-break plates
- 27 18-wheeler
- 29 "Ode to Broken Things" poet
- 30 Beach house arrangement, perhaps
- 31 No longer gloomy
- 32 Rotary motions
- 33 Be a big success
- 34 Beta decay emission, sometimes
- 36 Subway Series locale, for short
- 39 Directorial demand
- 41 Thing with a life of its own?
- 44 TV star who said "Stop gabbin' and get me some oats!"
- 45 Prometheus Society alternative
- 47 Egypt's Mubarak
- 48 Honeybun
- 50 Potpie ingredients
- 51 Top-(leading)
- 53 Secure, in a way
- 56 & 57 Commercial entreaty

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PANTHER BRIEFS

# Free student tickets

Eastern interim athletic Ken Baker said the athletic department will buy 200 student tickets for Tuesday's first-round Ohio Valley Conference women's basketball tournament game, which starts at 7 p.m.

The 200 tickets will be distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis starting at 8:30 a.m. Monday morning in the Lantz Arena ticket office.

Because the game is an OVC Tournament game, not all Eastern students will have free admission.

Tickets for adults and seniors are \$8, while tickets for students or youth are \$4.

## Softball team seeks its first win this season

The Eastern softball team would like to forget its performance at the Tulsa Festival last weekend.

The Panthers lost all three games, but they have a chance this weekend to get their first win of the season at the Tennessee-Chattanooga Frost Classic in Chattanooga, Tenn.

The Panthers (0-3) are scheduled to play Indiana (1-4) and Marshall (8-6) on Friday, Kentucky (3-7) and Wright State (2-8) on Saturday, and Buffalo (0-5) and Jackson State (7-11) on Sunday.

Eastern has never beaten Marshall or Jackson State, but Eastern has defeated Indiana, Kentucky and Wright State. The Panthers have never played Buffalo.

## Baseball heads back for second series in Louisiana

Eastern's baseball team will play its second consecutive three-game series in Louisiana this weekend at Northwestern State.

The Panthers (0-3) lost three straight games to Southeastern Louisiana last weekend. Eastern was outscored 22-9 in the three games but 7-0 in the final three innings during the course of the three games.

The Demons (2-3) won two games against Grambling to start their season but lost two consecutive games to Mississippi by a combined score of 29-5.

## Voss to play professional football in Austria

Former Eastern football player and men's basketball player Ryan Voss is continuing his athletics career – just not in the United States.

According to the *Sarasota Herald-Tribune*, Voss will head to Austria this week to play for the Swarco Raiders, a team that is a part of a six-team professional football league in Austria.

Voss, a 2007 graduate, finished his Eastern football career with 126 receptions for 1,925 yards. The Punta Gorda, Fla., native also caught 18 touchdowns in four seasons at Eastern.

Voss played in nine games with the men's basketball team last season. He scored one point and had five rebounds.

Voss has played professionally for the Corpus Christi Sharks, a team in af2, which is a minor league version of Arena Football.

Kevin Murphy can be reached at 581-7944 or [kjmurphy@eiu.edu](mailto:kjmurphy@eiu.edu). Scott Richey can be reached at 581-7944 or [srrichey@eiu.edu](mailto:srrichey@eiu.edu).

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL | BENCH PLAY

# Bench contributes to win

## Kloak stays calm under pressure, leads the way

By Dan Cusack  
Sports Reporter

Eastern sophomore forward Maggie Kloak was the calm player amidst chaos on the floor Thursday night.

Kloak got the ball in the paint and calmly hit a jumper with defenders in her face to give Eastern the 68-66 lead – a lead they would never lose.

Eastern held on for a 71-68 win against Jacksonville State at Lantz Arena.

Kloak's shot came with 1 minute, 10 seconds remaining in the game.

"I knew (Eastern head coach Brady Sallee) put me in there for a reason," Kloak said. "I got in there and, luckily, hit two big shots. (Sallee) tells me all the time he has confidence in me. I knew that's why he put me in."

Kloak came in off the bench to lead all scorers with 16 points and also pulled down three rebounds. She finished 7-of-8 from the field.

JSU head coach Becky Geyer said Kloak did a good job exploiting the defense.

"We got caught behind her," Geyer said. "I give her credit for doing a great job getting herself in position to get the ball. Those two shots are what basketball is all about."

Kloak's 16 points were the most for her since Dec. 19, when she had a career-high 22 points at Morehead State.

Sallee said Kloak has been a key player for the Panthers throughout the season.

"Probably on any other team in the league, she's starting," Sallee said.



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Sophomore forward Maggie Kloak puts a lay-up over a Jacksonville State defender during Thursday nights basketball game in Lantz Arena.

"She's such a great kid that she's willing to do what's best to help us win basketball games. Tonight, it was in

crunch time."

Kloak also deflected the ball in the first and second half.

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But JSU would not go away.

"To their credit, they would not be deterred," said Eastern head coach Brady Sallee. "We had to do everything we could to get out with (a win). It was a very evenly matched game."

Eastern turned the ball over 12 times in the second half, and JSU had 10 points off those turnovers as part of its comeback.

"They are so athletic and so quick," Eastern sophomore guard Lauren Sturtevant said. "But you always got to be on your toes with them because at any point, they can start hitting (shots) on us."

JSU would stay within two possessions for the majority of the second half.

"I thought we took some quick,

Women's Game 30: Samford Probable Starters				
Eastern (17-12, 14-5 OVC)				
Pos.	Name	Ht.	Yr.	PPG
F	R. Galligan	6-2	Jr.	18.4
F	L. Kluempers	6-1	Jr.	5.2
G	D. Sims	5-10	So.	9.5
G	M. Edwards	5-7	So.	6.7
G	E. Canale	5-9	Jr.	7.6
Samford (22-7, 14-4 OVC)				
Pos.	Name	Ht.	Yr.	PPG
F	A. Munday	6-0	Sr.	9.6
G	E. London	5-7	Fr.	12.7
F	C. Okoli	5-7	Jr.	7.9
G	M. Maxwell	5-8	So.	10.9
G	T. Towns	5-8	Sr.	7.8

questionable shots," Sallee said. "I thought we got caught with our pants down a couple of times where a shot was taken and we weren't ready, but it was almost like a perfect storm."

"The rebound went right where we didn't need it to, but they got it

## » Career

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Eastern had 26 assists on 30 made field goals.

Byrne tied the game at 11 with 11:42 left in the first half when he sealed off his defender on the right block, and sophomore center Ousmane Cisse fed him the ball from the right corner.

Cisse was one of three Panthers to finish in double digits. He scored 12 points on 6-of-7 shooting to go with nine rebounds.

"(Byrne) caught so many balls zipped into him," freshman guard Tyler Laser said. "Some of the catch-

MEN'S GAME 29: SAMFORD Probable Starters				
Eastern (6-22, 5-14 OVC)				
Pos.	Name	Ht.	Yr.	PPG
C	O. Cisse	6-8	So.	5.7
F	J. Byrne	6-8	Sr.	8.5
F	B. Catchings	6-6	Sr.	10.8
G	B. Willhite	6-1	Sr.	7.0
G	T. Laser	6-1	Fr.	7.3
Probable Starters				
Samford (14-14, 10-9 OVC)				
Pos.	Name	Ht.	Yr.	PPG
F	B. Friday	6-6	So.	7.1
C	T. Peterson	6-10	Sr.	13.1
G	J. Davis	6-4	Fr.	33
G	J. Merritt	6-4	Sr.	11.7
G	T. Montgomery	6-4	So.	10.3

es, I was like, 'Dang.' He just played like a beast."

in stride and now they're 2-on-1."

JSU falls into a seventh-place tie with Morehead State in the conference race.

"I thought it was a great game," JSU head coach Becky Geyer said. "Both teams competed. Both coaches, we tried our best to working anything we can to try to get an advantage. I think that is what the parity in this league has done. Teams are out competing."

Eastern may not have made its first shot of the night, but it made its second opportunity count, especially in the first half.

The Panthers had five offensive rebounds and 14 second-chance points in the first half.

Galligan led the Panthers with eight rebounds (two offensive), and Sims and Sturtevant had five rebounds each.

Eastern needed the most of its positions, as JSU rarely missed, mak-

Laser was the third Eastern player to score in double digits. He made 8-of-10 field goals (5-of-7 from beyond the arc) and finished the game with 21 points.

Willhite had double-digit assists for the second consecutive game. He handed out 10 against Evansville on Saturday and did one better against JSU with 11. Willhite started at point guard for Eastern because of a collarbone injury to senior guard Julio Anthony – Eastern's regular point guard.

"His role has changed," Eastern head coach Mike Miller said. "He went from being the third ball handler at times to being the primary ball handler tonight. He put the ball

In addition to Kloak, the rest of Eastern's bench came up huge in the win and scored 31 points. JSU's bench scored 24 points.

Sophomore forward Jessica Huffman added four points, sophomore guard Lauren Sturtevant scored five points, and sophomore guard Ashley Thomas chipped in six points.

Eastern's bench also combined for three assists, 11 rebounds and a block.

Sturtevant came up big in the second half.

She made her first free throw and missed the second, but she grabbed the offensive rebound and was fouled six seconds later.

Sturtevant said her assistant coach gave her some advice after Sturtevant was on the bench and did not play in the first half.

"(Eastern assistant coach Quacy Simmons) was like, 'Keep your head in it, and make sure you're ready to go,'" Sturtevant said.

Sturtevant had five rebounds as well. She has finished with 11 points and 11 rebounds in the past two games.

"I loved that I could help my teammates out, give them a little spark and bring them home in the stretch," Sturtevant said.

Geyer said the pace of the game kept reserves on the court for longer periods of time.

"The benches were important for both teams," Geyer said. "When Galligan is in, you have to have your best kids in with her, but she is truly that good. I felt our rotations were pretty equal. The game was going at a pace where you couldn't leave your top kids in for very long."

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ing 14 of its 28 shots in the first half. But Eastern shot even better (15-of-26) and led 42-33 at halftime.

Kloak led all scorers with 16 points in only 17 minutes of play, while Galligan added 15 and Sims contributed 14.

Stuart led the Gamecocks with 14 points but had seven turnovers to go with three assits.

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## WOMEN'S B-BALL Eastern 71, Jacksonville State 68

JACKSONVILLE STATE (11-17, 8-11 Ohio Valley Conference)  
Stuart 5-12 0-0 14, Elezokhae 4-10 2-4 11, Johnkin 2-6 2-2 8, Beneby 4-9 0-0 8, Pitts 4-9 2-2 13, Williams 4-5 1-2 9, Hollingsworth 1-3 0-0 2, Duhart 1-4 1-2 3, Chesser 0-0 0-0 0 Totals 25-58 8-12 68.  
EASTERN (16-12, 14-5 Ohio Valley Conference)  
Galligan 6-8 3-6 15, Kluempers 2-3 1-2 6, Edwards 0-4 2-2 2, Sims 4-10 5-6 14, Canale 1-7 0-0 3, Thomas 2-6 0-0 6, Kloak 7-8 2-3 16, Huffman 2-3 0-0 4, Sturtevant 0-1 5-6 5, Totals

Halftime: Eastern 42-33. 3-pointers: JSU 10-23 (Pitts 3-5); EIU 5-13 (Thomas 2-5). Turnovers: JSU 17 (Stuart 7), Eastern 14 (Two with 3). Fouls: JSU 21, Eastern 10. Techs: None. A: 402.

where it needed to go."

The Panthers finish their season at 7:15 Saturday night at Lantz Arena against Samford.

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## MEN'S B-BALL Eastern 80, Jacksonville State 64

JACKSONVILLE STATE (4-18, 2-12 Ohio Valley Conference)  
Mbodji 1-1 0-0 3, Toles 3-10 0-0 9, Bray 2-6 0-0 5, Ginn 5-10 0-0 15, Murphy 2-5 5-11 9, Bynum 2-12 2-2 8, Adams 6-10 0-2 13, Vweathers 0-1 0-0 0, Staton 1-2 0-0 3, Totals 22-57 7-15 64.  
EASTERN (6-22, 5-14 Ohio Valley Conference)  
Catchings 2-7 0-0 5, Byrne 12-17 6-7 30, Cisse 6-7 0-1 12, Willhite 1-3 5-8 7, Laser 8-10 5-7 21, Myers-Kyles 1-4 0-0 2, Parrish 0-1 3-4 3, Dorlack 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 30-49 14-20 80.

Halftime: Eastern 32-30. 3-pointers: JSU 13-24 (Ginn 5-9); Eastern 6-13 (Laser 5-7). Turnovers: JSU 10 (Mbodji 3), Eastern 6 (Two with 5). Fouls: JSU 17, Eastern 16. Techs: None. A: 747.



INDOOR TRACK | EASTERN AT OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

# Panthers to compete as ‘underdogs’

Men look to repeat as OVC champions; will battle with SEMO

By Dan Cusack  
Sports Reporter

The Eastern men’s indoor track team won the Ohio Valley Conference Indoor Championship last season, and they have won the past 10-of-11 conference indoor championships.

But Eastern head coach Tom Akers said that doesn’t make the Panthers the favorites this year.

“If you look at the rankings, Southeast Missouri State is the favorite team,” Akers said. “But anything can happen. We’ve been underdogs before, and we have overcome to become champions.”

Eastern goes into this weekend’s OVC Championships in Nashville, Tenn., ranked second behind SEMO, but junior runner David Holm said he is used to the Panthers and Redhawks being on top of the OVC.

“We have a big rivalry with SEMO,” Holm said. “Since I have been here, we have always been at the top battling for the championship.”

Southeast Missouri has been runner-up for the past four years and six of the last seven.

Holm will be a key member for the Panthers this weekend, running in both the 800-meter run and the mile. The Panthers have dominated the rankings so far this season in the 800-meter races with the top four seeds going into the tournament.

Akers said in order for the Panthers to win, athletes in every event would have to step up.

“Every event is going to be big for us this weekend,” Akers said. “We are seeded high in the high jump and



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Eastern sophomore Ian Winston high jumps over the bar at the EIU Friday Night Special last Friday at Lantz Fieldhouse. Winston and the Panthers will compete at the Ohio Valley Conference Indoor Championships this weekend in Nashville, Tenn. Winston is ranked second in the high jump in the conference.

800-meter run, so those are events we should score high in.”

Holm said he hopes Eastern can pick up major points in the 800-meter run.

“Every event is crucial, but I think we have a chance to do well in the 800-meter run,” Holm said. “We are seeded (No.) 1-4 in the event, and it would be good to pull all of those points.”

Eastern also needs to secure its points in the pole vault, where it is ranked first and second.

Freshman Joe Noonan has the best vault in the OVC, and he was named the OVC Freshman of the Year. Sophomore Dorrian White has the second-best OVC vault this season. Samford is the only other school

in the OVC to have a pole vaulter vault this season.

Akers said it is important for Eastern to have strong finishes in the 200-meter run, the 400-meter run, the mile and the 3,000-meter run in order to keep pace with SEMO.

SEMO sprinter Miles Smith ranks first in the 400-meter run (46.13 seconds) and has qualified for the NCAA Indoor Track and Field National Championships. SEMO also has the OVC’s fastest 1,600-meter relay team by more than seven seconds ahead of Eastern.

Also, SEMO senior thrower Brandon Colbert is ranked first in both the shot put and the weight throw.

Smith was named the OVC Track Athlete of the Year, and Colbert was

named the OVC Field Athlete of the Year.

Eastern Illinois senior Obe Eruteya is the OVC’s best high jumper and triple jumper. Eruteya is ranked first in the high jump (6 feet, 8.75 inches) and the triple jump (50’ 7.5”).

Akers said he could not point to a single athlete he thinks will make a big difference, but thinks a number of athletes will step up for the Panthers.

“The history for us since we have gotten into conference is our guys have come in and exceeded expectations,” Akers said. “A lot of people have already exceeded the goals we set for them.”

Akers said this weekend could be

TOP RANKED ATHLETES

**SEMO** – Miles Smith 46.13 400-meter run  
— John Berry 24’10.50” Long jump

**E. Kentucky** – Jacob Korir, first, 3,000-meter run, 8:02.08; 5,000-meter run, 13:48.13  
— Shannon Davis 6.86 60-meter dash

**Morehead State** – J.D. Shrader, fourth, 5,000-meter run, 15:13.99  
— Ron Duncan, mile, 4:27.09

**E. Illinois** – Obe Eruteya- Triple Jump- 50’7.5”, High Jump- 6’08.75”  
— David Holm- 1:51.24 800-meter run

**Tennessee State** – Jared Kelly, first, 55-meter hurdles, 7.59  
— Worlie Johnson, first, 55-meter run, 6.48

**Samford** – Michael Smith 8.33, 3rd, 60-meter hurdles

frustrating for coaches because it is totally out of their control and into the hands of the athletes.

“This isn’t the Mega Meet or the Friday Night Special,” Akers said. “This event actually means something. This is the weekend where the team comes together for a common goal. These are the meets I used to live for. Now, I live them through my athletes.”

Holm said he does not want all of Eastern’s hard work to go to waste.

“I definitely think we can win,” Holm said. “Whatever happens happens, but we have not trained this hard all season to lose.”

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INDOOR TRACK | OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

# Team will have tough road to repeat

Women may need to use last year’s strategy

By Dan Cusack  
Sports Reporter

Last season, the Eastern women’s track team won its first Ohio Valley Conference Indoor Track Championship in school history, and beat out Tennessee State for the title.

This season, the Panthers will again battle TSU, as well as Murray State and Southeast-Missouri State, for the title this weekend in Nashville, Tenn.

“We are not as strong as we were last year across the board,” said Eastern head women’s track coach Mary Wallace. “We have all of the talent in the world, but I don’t think we will be able to score in every event (in the OVC Championships) like we did this year.”

The women will have to use an approach like last season, when the Panthers won only one event but were still able to take home the title.

Junior hurdler Chandra Golden is the only Panther ranked headed into the tournament – but that does not mean the Panthers do not have a good chance to win.

“There is a lot of pressure because you know everyone is coming after you,” Golden said about being a reigning champion. “But I use it as motivation because I’ve been there before, so it’s a lot easier.”

Golden has the top time in the



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Eastern senior middle-distance runner Amy LeJeune runs during the EIU Friday Night Special at Lantz Fieldhouse. LeJeune and the rest of the women’s indoor track team will compete at the Ohio Valley Conference Indoor Championships in Nashville, Tenn., on Friday and Saturday.

OVC this season in the 60-meter hurdles (8.65 seconds).

Junior sprinter Violet Nwordu is the second-ranked runner in the 60-meter dash with a time of 7.69 seconds. Nwordu is three-tenths of a second behind top-ranked runner TSU’s Dominique Holmes. Golden is also ranked fourth in the 200-meter run with a time of 25.27 seconds.

“We need to step it up in everything,” Golden said. “We are not the favorite on paper, so we have to go out there and get as many points as possible. We are a young team, so we have to go out there and work for every point we can get.”

Sophomore runner Erin O’Grady

has a chance to make a difference, as she is ranked fourth in the 800-meter run with a time of 2 minutes, 17.44 seconds and fifth in the mile with a time of 5:08.68.

The Panthers are also solid in field events, as sophomore thrower Kandace Arnold is ranked third in both the shot put – with a mark of 45 feet, 7.75 inches – and the 20-pound weight throw, with a mark of 56’8.50”.

Wallace said Eastern’s middle-distance crew is battling injury and illness, so the unit is not as strong as it could be. Sophomore Caitlin Finnegan will not be running for the Panthers this weekend because of

injury, while junior sprinter Shawana Smith will compete despite injuring her hamstring in the EIU Friday Night Special.

Wallace said she thought several athletes, like Golden, junior Jenna Uhe and junior Nicole Walcott, could all have big weekends.

“I think we can win, no question,” Golden said. “If we pull together, there is no question about it.”

The meet will last from Friday to Saturday. The first event will begin today at 2 p.m. with the women’s high jump.

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That is a lot of pressure to have on someone, but nobody said it would be easy to stay on top.

Nobody wants us to be on top.

We are being hunted by nine other teams.

You can’t just settle for an OK time or an OK race. You have to want better for yourself and better for your team. There needs to be a fire in everyone’s belly, even for the younger athletes on the team.

They don’t know what it’s like to win an OVC Championship. They have never been there – but that doesn’t mean that they shouldn’t want it.

It is one of the best feelings to come out on top not only once, but twice. We can’t go into conference being scared and being afraid to make a mistake. We have to go in strong and make a statement.

If another team is going to win, then they will have to rip it away from our grasps. It’s not going to be easy for them.

We need to fight to keep what is ours, and that shouldn’t be hard because everybody should want that championship.

There should be no excuse and no reason why we shouldn’t get that championship. It is not going to be handed to us, and people need to realize that. It seems like it’s easy to get on top, but it’s definitely harder to stay there.

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NATIONAL SPORTS

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**Utah at New Orleans** |  
8 tonight on ESPN

NBA  
**L.A. Clippers at Denver** |  
10:30 tonight on ESPN

TRIPLE THREAT



Joe Noonan

Eastern freshman pole vaulter Joe Noonan (above) was named the Ohio Valley Conference Male Freshman of the Year. Noonan's best vault of the season (15 feet, 11.25 inches) is not only the best mark in the OVC this season but is also the eighth-best vault in Eastern history. Noonan set his OVC best mark at the EIU Early Bird Meet on Dec. 8. The mark is 9.55 inches better than his teammate, sophomore Dorrian White.

Here are three other OVC track athletes with substantial leads in their respective events.

**1. Jacob Korir** — The senior from Eastern Kentucky holds a 28.17-second lead against his teammate, Elkana Kurgat, in the 3,000-meter run. Korir set his OVC best mark (8 minutes, 2.08 seconds) on Jan. 12 at the Kentucky Invitational in Lexington, Ky. Korir is originally from Nairobi, Kenya and was named an NCAA Cross Country Academic All-American for the third consecutive year in 2007.

**2. Brandon Colbert** — Colbert, a Southeast Missouri sophomore, was named the OVC Field Athlete of the Year on Thursday. He holds the OVC's best mark in both the shot put and weight throw but holds an 8 foot, 9 inch lead in the shot put against his teammate, Andy Glass.

**3. Eastern Illinois Distance Medley Relay** — The Panthers have a significant lead in the distance medley relay. Eastern Illinois' time of 9:55.21 is 23 seconds faster than Eastern Kentucky's time (10:18.29).

-Scott Richey



MOLLY CLUTTER

Staying on top

Being the hunter is a fun job. You get to hunt people down. There isn't as much pressure. You have room to make mistakes. And you have time to grow and learn from your mistakes.

But this year, we are the hunted.

This weekend, the Eastern women's track team will compete at the Ohio Valley Conference Indoor Track and Field Championships.

We won the conference title for the first time last season.

Being hunted is not nearly as easy.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL | EASTERN 71, JACKSONVILLE STATE 68



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Sophomore guard Dominique Sims focuses on the basket as she shoots a free-throw during Thursday night's game at Lantz Arena. Sims hit a crucial shot from the foul line to put the Panthers up by three points with only seconds left in the game.

ANOTHER CLOSE WIN GOES THEIR WAY

Panthers will play second-place Samford this Saturday

By Kevin Murphy  
Associate Sports Editor

Another stress-filled moment for the Eastern women's basketball team happened Thursday night.

But, like what's happened most of the season, the Panthers came out the victor once again.

Jacksonville State junior guard Cassi Stuart's off-balanced 3-pointer missed with one second left in the game, and the Panthers held on for a

71-68 win.

Eastern (16-12, 14-5 Ohio Valley Conference) will play Samford at 5 p.m. on Saturday night at Lantz Arena, with a spot for third-place in the balance.

Eastern must win on Saturday night to secure a third-place seed for the OVC Tournament. The Panthers will only finish third if they win, and Murray State loses Saturday night.

Thursday night's win against JSU also marks the first time Eastern has won 16 games since the 1994-95 season.

Seconds prior to Stuart's miss, Eastern sophomore guard Dominique Sims pulled down her biggest

offensive rebound of the game.

The Eastern junior guard pulled down a missed field goal attempt by Eastern junior forward Rachel Galligan and was fouled with 8.4 seconds left in the game by Stuart.

Sims made her first free throw, but missed her second, which gave JSU the opportunity to attempt a last-second 3-pointer.

It was a back and fourth game that saw nine lead changes and the score tied five times.

Jacksonville State (11-17, 8-11) tied the game at 66 on a 3-pointer by Stuart with 1:38 left.

But an inside basket by Eastern sophomore forward Maggie Kloak

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with 1:10 remaining gave the Panthers a 68-66 lead. Two free throws by red-shirt sophomore guard Megan Edwards with 53 seconds left extended the Panthers' lead to four.

Eastern's defense stepped up during the second half and held JSU on 9-of-30 from the field. Eastern led 47-35 after Eastern sophomore guard Ashley Thomas' 3-pointer with 15:57 remaining.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL | EASTERN 80 JACKSONVILLE STATE 64

Byrne scores career high in rare win

Three Panthers finish in double figures to lead Eastern past Gamecocks

By Scott Richey  
Sports Editor

Jake Byrne spent the majority of Thursday night's game on the right block scoring over Jacksonville State players with one quick dribble and a shot off the backboard.

The senior forward from Elsberry, Mo., scored a career-high 30 points to lead Eastern to an 80-64 win against the Gamecocks at Lantz Arena.

JSU simply had no answer for Eastern's post game.

The Gamecocks (6-22, 4-15 Ohio Valley Conference) started four players 6-foot-4 or shorter, and Eastern countered with its usual lineup of two guards, two forwards and one center — a taller lineup by far.

Byrne dominated the post against shorter defenders. JSU freshman guard Nick Murphy (6-foot-4) guarded Byrne (6-foot-8) most of the night.

Byrne shot a jumper from the free-

throw line.

The ball caromed off the backboard and rim and shot back out to a charging Byrne. He grabbed the offensive rebound, laid the ball in and got fouled in the process. A made free throw later and Eastern led 25-22.

"It was such an ugly shot," Byrne said. "It was a half-pass. I didn't realize how open I was, and I shot it. As soon as it went up, I knew it was coming right back to me. When it came off it felt ugly, so I figured I'd go after it and try to get it."

Eastern (6-22, 5-14) took a 32-30 lead into halftime and did not relinquish it during the final 20 minutes of the game.

Byrne was quick to credit his teammates with his success. He said nearly every one of his made baskets came from a pass from a teammate.

"They were giving me great passes," Byrne said. "Obviously, I couldn't have done it without (my teammates). I give a lot of credit to all them. They really found me and got it down low to me."

They did.

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Senior forward Jake Byrne puts the ball up over a Jacksonville State defender during Thursday night's game at Lantz Arena. Byrne led the Panthers with a career-high 30 points in Eastern's 80-64 win.

EASTERN SPORTS SCHEDULE

SOFTBALL  
**Today vs. Indiana** |  
Noon — Chattanooga, Tenn.

SOFTBALL  
**Today vs. Marshall** |  
2:15 p.m. — Chattanooga, Tenn.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S INDOOR TRACK  
**Today at OVC Championships** |  
3 p.m. — Nashville, Tenn.

BASEBALL  
**Tonight at Northwestern State** |  
6:30 p.m. — Natchitoches, La.

WOMEN'S TENNIS  
**Tonight at Illinois State** |  
7 p.m. — Normal.



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# on the **verge** of • t h e • w e e k e n d w w w . d e n n e w s . c o m

# GRAND OPENING

This week was the final week of rehearsals for the cast of "Henry IV" and after six weeks of hard work, Duke Bagger and the cast will open the Charleston Alley Theatre's 18<sup>th</sup> season tonight.

The small avant-garde theater has been entertaining audiences since it opened in 1991. It runs five shows per season out of the building they own and care for. *On The Verge* will take a final look at the people at 718 Monroe, and give our readers an idea of what to expect from the play.

Be sure to check out [dennews.com](http://dennews.com) for a video of dress rehearsal.

By Katie Anderson  
Staff Reporter

## The House

The "house" is no more than a cold, big brick room. Extension cords crawl across the ceiling, powering the assorted stage lights high above.

Seating consists of brown pleather-cushioned, straight-backed chairs that sit on plywood risers painted black.

The stage is simply the concrete floor, a brick wall painted white and a minimalist "throne room" set.

Behind the set lies a maze of prop and tool storage. There is a wall more than 6 feet tall, filled with boxes of costumes from previous shows.

Around the corner are shelves piled high with scrap wood and a retired set sits in the dark.

To the right, paint and tools are tucked under a head-height open second floor where large props, like furniture pieces, rest.

At the end of a small corridor there is the "green room" where the actors will change and prepare for each show.

The green room shares its bathroom with the art gallery occupying the other half of the building.

Upstairs are apartments, which the company rents out to help pay the bills.

The costumes are humble.

The royal tunics and robes Henry and the cast will wear were made from bargain bin tablecloths, curtains and bed sheets. Costume designer Jeri Hughes confides even the crowns are little more than placemats with some trim hot glued on.

The cast is not glamorous.

Among them are teachers, a waitress

and students. They go home after rehearsals and clean their bathrooms, make their own dinners, do their homework and raise their children.

But tonight, and for the next two weeks of shows, Henry's 11 cast members will either be a doctor, a marquis or a duchess.

They will be part of turning the cold brick room into a theater, and what's more, into Henry's throne room.

## The Show

Pirandello's "Henry IV" is a play about illusion and reality.

The main character, Henry, played by Duke Bagger, has been living in a private "castle" for more than 10 years.

Henry went mad after a fall from his horse during a masquerade party with his friends.

At the party, he was playing the part of King Henry IV of Germany and ever since the fall he is convinced that he is the king himself.

Henry's young nephew Di Nolli, played by Peter Borah, has been funding a life of fantasy for his uncle complete with realistic costumes and four paid valets or "private counselors" to help Henry live out the illusion.

The first scene introduces the audience and the newest valet, Berthold, played by Kenton Banyai, to what they need to know about living with Henry.

Henry's world is shaken when his old flame Donna Matilda, played by Monica Mazzuro, comes to visit with her lover Belcredi, played by Michael Salem, and her daughter Frida.

Frida, played by Arielle Starkey, is engaged to De Nolli. The group has made the

journey with a psychotherapist, played by Craig Banyai, to try and finally cure Henry back to reality.

Soon after they arrive, Belcredi, Donna Matilda and the doctor meet with Henry. However, they must dress up in 11th century costumes, to not confuse and upset their mad friend.

After the meeting, the doctor formulates a plan to force Henry to confront reality and cure him.

The plan is risky and involves two life-sized portraits of Henry and Matilda in costume from the masquerade almost 20 years earlier.

Young Frida and De Nolli bear a striking resemblance to their relatives in the large golden frames.

While the doctor is busy setting up the cure, Henry confides in his valets that he is really perfectly sane.

The doctor's trick is played out, and the characters are forced to face reality and confront the fine lines between madness, illusion, survival and sanity.

## Underdogs

The CAT may have once been the Firestone tire store.

The crowns perched on Henry and Matilda's heads may have once been gold placemats.

But tonight, it won't matter for Bagger or his cast.

Tonight, the theater will warmly welcome its patrons and Bagger will be proud.



# how to...

## Verge Reporter Tyler Angelo teaches you something new

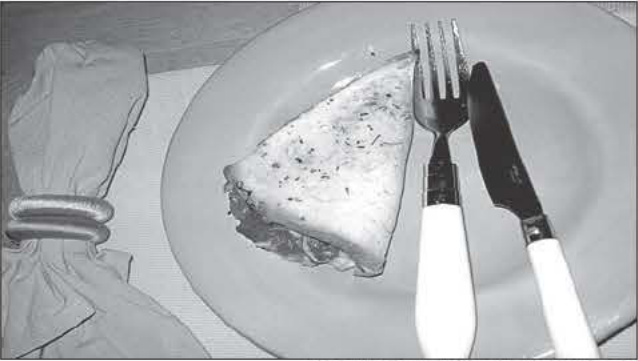
# ...dominate at guitar hero

Below are some tips to keep in mind when playing one of the most popular new games.

- 1
- After the game is on and at the multi-player Pro Face-Off mode, pick a guitarist and choose a show and song. Start talking trash to get your opponent's spirits down. Make a bet that the loser must buy dinner.
- 2
- Be used to positions of the colored frets and press down on them and the strum bar simultaneously as the colored circles go by on the screen. Once game play starts, step on your opponent's toes.
- 3
- Stay in the green section on the Rock Meter by hitting as many consecutive notes and chords as possible. Run in circles around your opponent to distract them.
- 4
- The key to winning is hitting all the star notes in a row to build Star Power. Using the whammy bar on a long note during the star notes helps build more Star Power. Keep an eye on your Star Power, located at the top of the Rock Meter.
- 5
- Once the Star Power gauge is full, tilt the guitar vertically at the right moment. The best time to use Star Power is when the meter is completely full with a good streak, or when the score meter says "x4". Do not give your opponent a chance to get Star Power going.
- 6
- After victory, glare at your opponent. Make sure they know who the boss is and say, "What now?" Make sure to collect that free dinner.

# food

## cheap, easy and quick



STACY SMITH | ON THE VERGE  
A cheese calzone finished and ready to serve.

## \$5 CHEESE CALZONES

### INGREDIENTS

- 1 roll pizza crust
- 8 oz. mozzarella cheese
- 6 tbsp. marinara sauce
- 1 tbsp. oregano

### DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees.
2. Roll out dough to desired thickness and cut into squares or triangles.
3. Spread marinara sauce onto middle of crust, then cover with cheese.
4. Fold both sides of dough into the middle to cover the sauce and cheese and oregano.
5. Bake for 10 minutes or until crust is golden brown.

### THE COOK'S TAKE

The process Verge Editor Stacy Smith took to make this week's recipe

I didn't realize when I started to make a calzone for the first time it would be such a battle. But I love pizza and the concept of one tucked in dough sound-  
ed appetizing.

I went and bought all the necessary ingredients, brought them home and went to it. The pre-made dough wasn't as easy to flatten as I thought.

I tried rolling it into different directions but wasn't sure what kind of pattern to make.

I started squishing the dough together – which was a big mistake. Now all I had was a big ball of dough. I decided to use a cup to flatten it. Wishing I stuck with the original shape, it took forever to roll out. Then I couldn't figure out whether to follow the instructions and bake the dough for six minutes before putting in toppings, or just put it in before baking.

I decided to follow the instructions, which was not the brightest idea. It was hard to fold the dough over since it was partially cooked. So I ended up squishing it down, adding the toppings and baking until the cheese melted. Next time I know to put the toppings in before I bake the dough. It was a challenge, but delicious.



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# BATTLE BRINGS BEST FORWARD

Melodies have students competing for cash prizes

By Jason Duarte  
Associate Verge Editor

and  
Chris Gajda  
Senior Verge Reporter

Going into last year's Peck Music Competition, first place winner, Chris Dickey said that if he wins, he would treat himself.

One Saturday afternoon later, he did just that, and used his newfound \$1,000 to purchase a MacBook. This year's fourth annual Peck Music Competition is the top gun of Eastern's music competitions; The cr me de la cr me.

The competition's preliminary rounds will be from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday at the Tarble Arts Center.

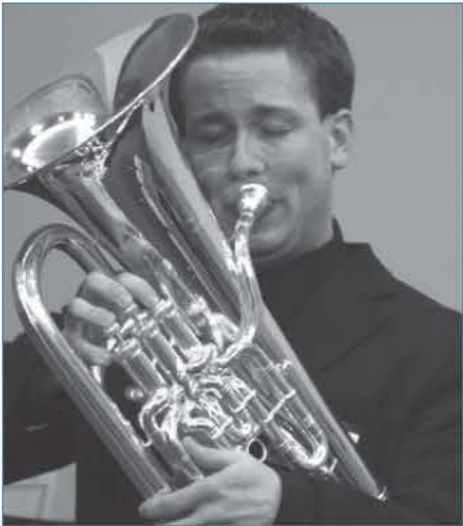
The competition allows the best music students to compete against one another for one of three cash prizes and a formal concert encore performance.

Third place wins \$250, second place wins \$500 and first place wins \$1,000.

Freshman to graduate students can partake in this event, but only 20 students are selected to compete.

After 12:30 p.m., a panel of three judges will select an overall winner to perform an encore performance at 3 p.m.

"You have one chance, so you have to put your best foot forward and hope that the



FILE PHOTO | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS  
Chris Dickey, winner of last year's competition, plays the euphonium during the third annual Peck music competition at the Tarble Arts Center.

## FYI .....

### PECK MUSIC COMPETITION

- When: Saturday
- Admission: Free
- Where: Tarble Arts Center
- Number of participants: 20
- Contact: 581-2787

foot you put forward is what they like," said Chris Dickey, Eastern graduate student and first place winner of last year's competition.

The Peck Music Competition is made possible by Alex Peck, owner of Internet business, Peck Medical Antiques, and hosted by Dr. Parker Melvin, chair of the music department. Peck and his wife, Susan, are interested in the arts, and in 2005, decided



FILE PHOTO | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS  
Dane Thomas, winner of the 2006 Peck Music Competition, sang part of an Italian opera song in the Tarble Arts Center.

to sponsor the competition using revenue generated from his online business.

"The idea is to determine, on the specific day, who is the best music student at Eastern," Peck said. "We're trying to reward the students that are working the hardest and who have the most talent."

Melvin anticipates there will be an assortment of instruments, giving the competition a wide range of musical talent.

"I play a very unique instrument that not a whole lot of people play. They (the judges) are comparing a euphonium to a singer to a pianist to an alto saxophone," Dickey said. "It's very difficult."

The music department is grateful and the competition is a wonderful opportunity for music students, Parker said.

There is no limit to how many years music students can apply to compete.

"The competition started my sophomore year and I entered and I won third place," Dickey said. "Then I entered my junior year. I made it to finals, but I didn't win. And then senior year, I entered and then actually won the thing."

Students practice more than usual in preparation for the competition, Parker said.

The preliminary and final rounds are free to the public.



KAROLINA STRACK | ON THE VERGE

Acting out his role as Henry IV, Duke Bagger prepares for the premiere of Luigi Pirandello's "Henry IV" on Friday. Bagger is also the director of the play, which will open up the Charleston Alley Theatre's 18th season. The first performance will be at 7:30 p.m.

## FROM COVER

# GRAND OPENING

## FYI .....

### INTERESTED IN GOING?

- When: Feb. 29, March 1, 3, 7, 8, 10 at 7:30 p.m. or March 2, 9 at 2 p.m.
- Admission: \$8 students and seniors, \$10 general, group rates available
- Where: Charleston Alley Theatre, 718 Monroe
- Contact: 345-2287

## "YOU DON'T LEAVE HERE WITH A SET OF DISHES...YOU LEAVE HERE WITH A MEMORY"

Duke Bagger, director of the Charleston Alley Theatre production, "Henry IV"

In six weeks, Duke recruited a cast, helped build and paint a set and rearrange the theater's seating.

He coordinated lighting cues and scheduled a light board operator.

As the cast worked to transform from script readers to animated actors, Duke spent each night scrambling back and forth from the seats watching and directing to practicing his own entrances and monologues.

He would look to his wife,

Linda, the assistant director, for approval.

During audition week, Duke claimed the CAT had an ego.

"Bear in mind, you come through that door, you get up out of a warm home, you could stay home or go to a party - have a beer, watch 'Dancing With the Stars,'" he said. "Instead you get out in the cold, you come in here, you plunk down your hard earned money, to see me convince you I'm somebody I'm not."

In "real life" he boasts that sort of thing is crazy or a con, yet Duke confidently marveled at the magic of it.

"You don't leave here with a set of dishes, you don't leave here with a brand new Chrysler," he said. "You leave here with a memory. And I make you glad you did it!"

The show opens tonight. Can Duke and his underdog company pull it off?

The audience will be the final judge.



# ‘LEAPING’ INTO SPRING

UB celebrates Leap Day with giveaways and special guest

By Sarah Jean Bresnahan  
Verge Reporter

Jeff Mandell is one of the rare digital caricature artists in the world. Mandell uses a digital quick sketch program and a digital tablet to create his caricatures.

Students can get a digital caricature today in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Food Court as part of University Board’s “Rush Hour: Let’s Leap Together.”

The event will also offer free food and games, and last from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

“Rush Hour” events are intended to target all students of the Eastern community.

“Since many off-campus students don’t attend events like ‘Up All Night’, we’re trying to give them the opportunity to attend events while they are on campus since they pay student fees too,” said Andrew Hubbard, Special Events Coordinator of UB.

“The location is in a high traffic area so there should be no problem with the amount of participants,” he said.

UB members booked Mandell during the National Association of Campus Activities.

“With the stigma of Leap Year coming around every so often and being considered ‘special,’ we decided to bring a ‘special’ person,” Hubbard said.

## FYI .....

### HISTORIC LEAP DAY EVENTS

• The first major league baseball contract of \$200,000 was awarded to Hank Aaron on Feb. 29, 1972.

• Pakistan became an Islamic state on Feb. 29, 1956.

• The first accusations of the Salem Witch Trials occurred on Feb. 29, 1692.

• Feb. 29 is also known as Sadie Hawkins Day, a day where women ask men on dates, like turnabout dances.

• In the U.S., Feb. 29 also serves as International Underlings’ Day. This day was established to celebrate employees as opposed to the annual Boss’s Day or Secretary’s Day.

Leap Day comes usually once every four years.

It started as a result of the Julian calendar, invented in 45 B.C., said physics professor Dan Linton.

Because of the calendar’s mathematical errors, the Gregorian calendar was formed in 1582 to reduce the average length of the leap year, he said.

Today, calendars are used in lunar years as an attempt to synchronize the year’s



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length to the phases of the moon.

The intention of leap year is to keep seasons on a schedule.

It also helps farmers calculate their harvest and keeps days organized.

“Unfortunately, 12 lunar months requires only 354 days, so several of the lunar calendars (including the Chinese calendar and the Jewish Festival calendar) employ the practice of inserting a ‘leap month’ into the calendar every two to three

years to keep approximate synchronization with the seasons,” Linton said.

As technology advanced, scientists discovered that the Earth does not rotate around the sun once every 365 days.

“In fact, the Earth rotates about 365.24 times in one year,” said Bill Wolf, Astronomy Club member.

“To compensate, every fourth year we add an extra day to February, so that our seasons don’t go off schedule,” he said.

# this weekend...



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## TODAY

**Movie: “Why Did I Get Married?”**

A modern day comedic film following the hardships of marriage

**Time:** 7 p.m.

**Place:** Room 2030, Lumpkin Hall

**Cost:** free

581-3829

**View Rings of Saturn**

**Time:** 8 p.m.

**Place:** EIU Observatory

**Cost:** free

581-3220

**Plunket, Team Knockboots, The Fuz, DeBello, Footlight Frenzy**

**Time:** 9 p.m.

**Place:** Friends & Co.

**Cost:** \$5

345-2380

**Jordan Carlos**

Stand-up comedian featured on The Colbert Report

**Time:** 9 p.m.

**Place:** 7th Street Underground, MLK Jr. University Union

**Cost:** free

581-5117

## SATURDAY

**Movie: “Why Did I Get Married?”**

A modern day comedic film following the hardships of marriage

**Time:** 8 p.m.

**Place:** Buzzard Auditorium

**Cost:** free

581-3829

**Elsinore**

**Time:** 9 p.m.

**Place:** Mac’s Uptowner

**Cost:** \$5

345-4622

## SUNDAY

**Living History Project: Dress Rehearsal**

Performances by Eastern students, portraying significant women from history

**Time:** 2 p.m.

**Place:** Greenwood School

**Cost:** free

581-5947

**Candlelight Vigil for Northern Illinois University**

Memorial tribute to the NIU tragedy

**Time:** 7 p.m.

**Place:** South Quad

**Cost:** free

581-3221

## CONTINUOUS EVENTS

**“The Archaeological Heritage of Illinois”**

Materials related to people who lived in Illinois from 9500 B.C. to 1800 A.D.

**Time:** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Saturday, 2 to 5p.m. Sunday

**Place:** Krannert Art Museum and Kinkead Pavilion, 500 E. Peabody Drive, Champaign

**Cost:** free

333-1861

**“Blown Away”**

Extreme images of media

**Time:** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Saturday, 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday

**Place:** Krannert Art Museum and Kinkead Pavilion, 500 E. Peabody Drive, Champaign

**Cost:** free

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**Krannert Art Museum and Kinkead Pavilion**

**“Children of Arcadia”**

Panoramic view into the electronic world

**Time:** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Saturday, 2 to 5 p.m.

**Place:** 500 E. Peabody Champaign

**Cost:** free

333-1861

**“150 Years of Memories” Displays of Artifacts**

**Time:** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. M-W

**Place:** 700 S. Main St. Tuscola

**Cost:** free

253-2535

**Moweaqua Coal Mine Museum**

**Time:** 1 to 4 p.m.

Sat.-Sun.

**Place:** 129 S. Main St.

Moweaqua

**Cost:** free

768-3019

**Octave Chanute Aerospace Museum**

Ill. Aviation and Chanute Air Force Base

**Time:** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Place:** 1011 Pacesettre Drive, Rantoul

**Cost:** Adults \$7, seniors \$6 and kids \$4

893-1613

**Memorial Art Exhibit**

Larry Wetherholdt’s artwork displays

**Time:** 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday: 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday: 1 to 4:30 p.m.

**Place:** 33939 Nearing Lane, Decatur

**Cost:** free

423-7708

**U.O. Colson Calendar Company Art, Bicentennial Art Center and Museum**

**Time:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Friday

**Place:** 132 S. Central Ave.

Paris

**Cost:** free

466-8130

**Museum of Funeral Customs**

**Time:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Tuesday through Saturday, 1 to 4 p.m.

**Place:** 1440 Monument Ave., Springfield

**Cost:** \$4

544-3480

**“Loose Lips Sink Ships,” Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum**

Displays of World War I and World War II

**Time:** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily

**Place:** 212 N. Sixth,

Springfield

**Cost:** Students \$7, adults \$10, 800-610-2894